

ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
August 17, 2004

Office of Housing, Buildings & Construction
Electrical Section
101 Sea Hero Road, Suite 100
Frankfort KY 40601-5405

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. James Michael Archer
Mr. Jan Howard
Mr. Norman Gene Holthouser
Ms. Mary A. Malone
Mr. Don Shelton
Mr. Chris Pace.
Mr. Michael T. Leake
Mr. Jerry Shouse
Mr. Gary Osborne
Mr. Jonathan Jay Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. James E. Strange, Jr.

OFFICE OF HOUSING STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Van Cook, Executive Director
Mr. Tommy Barnes, Deputy Executive Director
Mr. Albert S. Mitchell, State Fire Marshal
Mr. Frank Dempsey, General Counsel
Mr. Mike Bennett, Staff Attorney
Mr. Billy Perkins, Chief Electrical Inspector
Ms. Robin McQueary, Secretary Electrical Section

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. James Bax – ICC
Mr. Gary Bush – Logan County Electrical Inspector
Mr. Steve Michal – University of Louisville
Mr. John Arnez – University of Louisville
Mr. Donnie Thomas – University of Louisville
Mr. Gene Conley
Mr. Scott Smalley
Mr. Mike Villiness
Mr. Bill Stenger
Mr. Richard Spillman
Mr. Mel Trivett, Electrical Inspector, Franklin County Electrical
Mr. Doug Vernon - KBFAA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Gary Osborne made a motion to call the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Don Shelton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried and meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gary Osborne made motion to approve July 20, 2004 minutes. Don Shelton seconded. All in favor. Motion carried to approve the July 20, 2004 minutes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & GENERAL COUNSEL

ICC

Mr. Van Cook introduced Mr. Jim Bax. Mr. Bax represents ICC that wants to do our testing. Mr. Bax introduced Mr. Harold Thomas, National Coordinator. Committee members decided that this needed to be reviewed in closed session. The Committee tabled the ICC presentation for closed session to be presented at the end of the meeting.

MARION STRATTON – CE1852 & ME13157

Marion Stratton, who was not present, requested in his letter to the Committee that he be heard in the afternoon. The Committee decided to put his request on hold until the end to see if he could make it.

INACTIVE LICENSING FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. Dempsey discussed the option of whether or not to charge inspectors that work for governments a lower fee for inactive licenses. Based on Mr. Dempsey's research, House Bill 461 says yes we can do that but it has to be by administration regulation and it is not in the regulation we have approved. We would have to amend the regulation. We just need a motion to do that. Mary Malone stated that we had already lowered the fee to ½ price on renewal for inactive licenses. Darnell Owens said that they are presently charging ½ price on renewals for inactive licenses.

Gary Osborne made a motion to recommend that all inactive renewal fee be ½ price, renewals only. Chris Pace seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jonathan Moore made a motion to recommend to the Office that they pursue a policy of providing inactive status to active certified electrical inspectors for CE, ME and EE licenses at no cost. Gene Holthouser seconded motion. Mary Malone and Gary Osborne opposed. Majority carried motion.

Jonathan Moore made a motion to recommend to the Office that when an inactive license is made active that the full license fee shall be paid for the year in which the license is reactivated. Gary Osborne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Frank Dempsey asked that if you renew in January and you activate in November do you only pay for 2 months? The Committee said no prorating. The motion is for only active electrical inspectors for the license they hold at the time they become inactive.

U OF L CHEMISTRY LAB PROJECT

Mr. Steve Michal, Dr. John Arnez and Mr. Donnie Thomas were representing University of Louisville. Mr. Billy Perkins explained that Mr. Tommy Young went to the University of Louisville to do an inspection and saw a piece of equipment there that was not listed or labeled and we as inspectors always look for labeled and listed equipment. They wanted to come before the committee and discuss this. Mr. Michal passed out some material to the committee members. Mr. Michal explained that it is CSA standards even if it does not have their sticker on it. It does comply with CSA standards. The components have UL listing but it is not listed as an assembly. The equipment is in a secured area. Dr. John Arnez explained the handout. Mr. Billy Perkins explained that the inspectors have always required that equipment be listed and labeled. What the committee recommends will set a precedence. Tommy Young has a red tag on the equipment. Mr. Van Cook asked if all the states are enforcing the same way. Mr. Perkins said yes. Mr. Michal explained this is specialized equipment. To get the equipment evaluated is about \$15,000.00. Mr. Michal is asking for an exemption. University of Kentucky also has this equipment. Mr. Billy Perkins is going to check on University of Kentucky.

Gary Osborne made a motion to recommend the Committee does not give them an exemption. Jan Howard seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jonathan Moore made a motion for a break at 10:00 a.m. Jerry Shouse seconded. Gary Osborne made a motion to restart the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Don Shelton seconded.

Mike Bennett explained the possibility of reciprocity with Ohio and passed out a handout from Ohio where they only require one (1) license. Ohio would like to get together on August 26, 2004 in Cincinnati to discuss it with us. Our ME has the same requirements as Ohio's license. Mary Malone asked if they require a test. Mike Bennett said yes they use ICC.

Chris Pace made a motion to recommend sending someone from the Office to the meeting and report the results back to the Committee. Gary Osborne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mike Bennett also received a call from Tennessee. Tennessee has a very broad classification and no field experience is required. They also only have one (1) classification. In Tennessee it depends on the size of the job as to the requirements of what type of license is required.

The Committee recommended to address Ohio first.

TERRILL SNODGRASS- COMPLAINT

Don Shelton made a motion to go into executive session. Chris Pace seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular meeting adjourned. Meeting in executive session.

Chris Pace made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Don Shelton seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chris Pace made a motion to recommend that the Committee take the recommendation of their state electrical inspector. Gary Osborne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Frank Dempsey passed out a draft of a letter to go to the electric companies regarding temporary service. Mr. Leake asked if the inspectors would be notified that all temporary services have to be inspected. Mr. Dempsey said yes. We will also post it on our website.

Chris Pace made a motion to recommend that the Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction send this letter out to all utilities in the State of Kentucky by certified mail, return receipt requested. Mary Malone seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

MARION STRATTON

Don Shelton made a motion to recommend denial of Mr. Stratton's request due to his failure to appear. Chris Pace seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

T W WALDRON JR – NEC 2002 EDUCATION ARTICLE 440.65 LEAKAGE

Billy Perkins stated that we discussed this at an earlier meeting. He was not sure which one, but the Committee had decided they would not enforce it. The Committee retains their earlier recommendation. Billy & Robin will do a letter to Mr. Waldron.

MAURIZIO SOLINA

Mr. Solina is wanting to take the test to be an electrician. Darnell will handle this.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS

Frank Dempsey stated that we need criteria for what classes are to be taught for contractors, masters and electricians.

1. ESI- Ronald Pennington – Contractor

No one was present representing ESI. They are required to have open classes. **Jan Howard made a motion to recommend ESI and Ronald Pennington be disapproved due to not having open classes. Don Shelton seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

2. Gateway Community & Technical College – Contractor

No one was present representing Gateway Community & Technical College. They are only giving two (2) classes, Excel and First Aid. Jan Howard recommended tabling it until we receive

the criteria. **Chris Pace made a motion to recommend Gateway Community & Technical College be disapproved as provider due to criteria. Gary Osborne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

3. Elizabethtown Community & Technical College – Masters & Electricians

No one was present representing Elizabethtown Community & Technical College. **Gary Osborne made a motion to recommend Elizabethtown Community & Technical College as a provider with the clarification that the classes are open and the cost is listed. Jonathan Moore seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

4. Ricky Emerson – Masters & Electricians

No one was present representing Ricky Emerson. **Gary Osborne made a motion to recommend Ricky Emerson as a continuing education provider for masters & electricians. Mary Malone seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

5. Dann Strube - Contractor Safety Class

No one was present representing Dann Strube. **Jan Howard made a motion to recommend that Dann Strube be disapproved due to the fact that he is not giving all six (6) hours of continuing education for contractors. We are approving providers, not individual courses. Gary Osborne seconded. Mary Malone opposed. Majority passed. Motion carried.**

6. Gene Conley and Scott Smalley – Contractors, Masters & Electricians

Gene Conley and Scott Smalley were present. **Gary Osborne made a motion to recommend Electrical Continuing Education Providers of the Bluegrass be approved as a continuing education provider for contractors, masters and electricians licenses. Jerry Shouse seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

7. Michael Villiness – Contractor

Michael Villiness was present. **Gary Osborne made a motion to recommend Michael Villiness as a contractor provider with the understanding that safety is only two (2) hours. Jerry Shouse seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR REVIEW

1. Bill Stenger

Bill Stenger was present representing himself. **Don Shelton made a motion to recommend Bill Stenger as a 2B electrical inspector. Gary Osborne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

2. James Griffin

No one was present representing James Griffin. **Don Shelton made a motion to recommend James Griffin as a 2B electrical inspector. Gary Osborne seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

3. Richard Spillman

Richard Spillman was present representing himself. **Jonathan Moore made a motion to recommend Richard Spillman as a 2B electrical inspector contingent upon him passing the test. Mary Malone seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Someone made a complaint on IBEW 369 not having open classes. Al Mitchell is going to write a letter.

Gary Osborne has an item that is going to be an issue with KCTCS for exemption on work years and hours to get credit as the statute says no.

Chris Pace said that a continuing education question came up on the initial renewal. Any continuing education that took place after June, 2003 until their first renewal, does that count as continuing education. Yes.

ICC – James Bax, Harold Thomas

Mr. Thomas explained that they have tests for masters and journeyman electricians licenses. In Ohio they take the masters test with some business law to get their contractors license. ICC will do the test as the committee recommends. The cost is \$100.00 across the board. Mr. Van Cook explained that someone could call in one day and take the test the next day. There will be a testing center in the Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction. The application will be on the internet. Al Mitchell said we would have six (6) testing monitors in the Office. If you want to do a practice test you can go to lasergrade.com. Mr. Van Cook stated that the IT section will monitor the testing center. ICC will provide the actual test before it goes online for the Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction to review and if ~~any~~ of the committee members want to review they can ~~also~~.

Each test will be different. The test will not be the same. 2- People sitting next to each other will not have the same test. The committee sets the threshold mark at 70% to 75%.

Gary Osborne made a motion to recommend that we follow the recommendation of the Office on choosing a testing provider for contractors, masters and electricians. Don Shelton seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Frank Dempsey explained that low voltage will have to be amended because it has Experior as the testing facility.

Gary Osborne made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Shouse seconded. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Robin will e-mail everyone with a date for the next meeting.